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## Response to 5/JSC/Chair/6/Chair follow-up

It is not totally clear in 5/JSC/Chair/6/Chair follow-up when content and carrier terms are going to be required when this is incorporated into RDA. Currently, only "form of carrier" is listed as a mandatory element under 1.4. of RDA itself. (Note that it says "form of carrier" in RDA 1.4., not "type and form of carrier," which will be important in later comments). We are assuming that sections 1.1-1.4 of 5 JSC/Chair/6/Chair follow-up are recommending additional elements to be included in RDA 1.4.

### **1.1**

CONSER suggests wording 1.1, "Require one broad type of resource term ..." instead of "Require one broad content term." (See CONSER notes under 6.1.)

### **1.2**

CONSER suggests wording 1.2, "Convey specific type of resource information ..." instead of "Convey specific content type information."

### **1.3**

CONSER suggests wording 1.3, "Require one broad form of carrier term ..." instead of "Require one broad carrier term." (See CONSER notes under Appendix B.)

### **1.4**

CONSER suggests wording 1.4, "Require one specific form of carrier term ..." instead of "Require one 'specific carrier' type term."

## **4.3 Reproductions**

A serial example would be helpful.

## **5.1. Citation Display**

A serial example would be helpful.

## **6. Issues**

### **6.1 Renaming the 'content' Element**

"Content" may not be the best choice of words, because it often indicates subject nature of the work. Perhaps "type of resource" would make clearer what is actually the concept at hand and it is also similar to the Dublin Core "type" element. Six of the elements in 1.1 are identical or similar to Dublin Core "type" elements (RDA data = DC Dataset; RDA moving image = DC Moving Image; RDA object = DC Physical Object; RDA software = DC Software; RDA sound = DC Sound; RDA textual = DC Text).

## **Appendix A. Closed List of Broad Terms for ‘Content’**

There are no serial-related examples given in the third column of the chart! Although we realize there may be relatively few serials issued in special formats, they do exist: map serials; video serials; music serials, even t-shirt serials! Yes, there was a serial issued on t-shirts that even had a title change (from Tee shorts, to: Cotton quarterly, the latter of which consisted of a short story, with a distinctive title, on each tee shirt).

### **mixed**

In the second section (which says “excludes” in the second column), the last sentence of the 3<sup>rd</sup> column says "Example: a book and a read-along CD packaged together could be textual -- spoken word". Separating them with commas would be preferable ("textual, spoken word") because they are equivalent terms indicating broad "type of resource". The hyphen as used in other examples seems to indicate a hierarchy, whereas commas indicate equivalent terms. In other places in this chart, two elements separated by a dash implies some kind of hierarchy (e.g., in "mixed -- digital -- CD-Rom", "mixed" is the "type and form of content" (prefer "type of resource"), "digital" is the broad "type and form of carrier" (prefer "form of carrier"), and "CD-ROM" is a more specific "type and form of carrier" (prefer "form of carrier").

### **music notation**

There is a hyphen after "Braille" in the 3<sup>rd</sup> example; is something supposed to be added?

### **textual**

A serial example in the third column under “Content-Carrier Examples” would be helpful: textual – printed – serial

## **Appendix B: Closed List of Broad and Specific Terms for ‘Type and Form of Carrier’**

A better title for Appendix B. might be ‘Closed List of Broad and Specific Terms for “Form of Carrier”’ (instead of “Type and Form of Carrier”).

CONSER recommends use of "type of resource" for what is now called "type and form of content" and the word "type" not used again here. It would be clearer what the difference is between the two categories if they were called simply "type of resource" and "form of carrier".

Again, there are no serial-related examples in this appendix. Serial can be a format as well as a form of issuance (i.e. seriality)

### **digital**

Under specific terms in the 3<sup>rd</sup> column on page 17, add “e-serial” and/or “e-journal” as an example.

**printed**

Under specific terms in the 3<sup>rd</sup> column, it would be helpful to add “serial” and two categories of serial, “periodical” and “newspaper”, as examples.